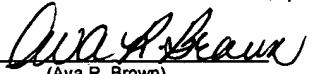


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application, please amend this application as follows and consider the included remarks.